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Attention: Proposer

Subject: Request for Proposal (RFP) No. KDH575636 Cryogenics and Compressed Gas Management Program Utilizing an Electronic Data Interchange (EDI) and Just-In-Time (JIT) Acquisition System.

JPL invites your organization to submit a response to the enclosed RFP for the acquisition of Cryogenics and Compressed Gas Management, in accordance with a Just-In-Time (JIT) acquisition system. The goal of this effort is to meet JPL's cryogenic needs and provide gas to the laboratory through an Electronic Data Interchange (EDI) system.

JPL estimates its current dollar expenditure for Cryogenics and Gases to be \$3.5 million annually and will be awarded to one (1) subcontractor. These figures should be used for planning purposes only and are not to be considered a commitment by JPL.

Please note that all proposals are due no later than December 12, 2003 at 3:00 P.M. Pacific Standard Time. Your proposal must be valid for a period of 150 days after the RFP closing date.

Please complete the Letter of Intent to respond to the RFP by November 28, 2003. The form is located at the website. Completing this form indicates whether you **do or do not** intend to submit a proposal for this effort. Submit "The Intent to Respond" form via facsimile or email to the undersigned. Should your organization choose not to propose, please indicate briefly the reason(s) underlying your decision.

Your participation in this solicitation is greatly appreciated. Questions concerning this RFP should be directed by email only to the undersigned at: Keith.d.Hardy@jpl.nasa.gov. Questions received after 12 noon Pacific Time December 12th will not receive a response. All responses by JPL will be in writing and provided to all proposers at http://acquisition.jpl.nasa.gov/rfp/KDH575636.

Sincerely,

Keith D. Hardy Subcontract Manager Enclosures: RFP Specimen Contract, Exhibits I thru III to the Specimen Contract JPL Forms as marked on JPL Form 2839